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Georgiev et al.

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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

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It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the Notice of Appeal filed June 4, 2003 be extended five (5) months from August 4, 2003 to January 4, 2004 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$2,010 for a fifth month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in ourPTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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